

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraphs in the specification:

[0033] As best illustrated in Figure 5, the present hinge system 12 first includes a flexion-extension regulating device 24. Although such regulating device 24 may be fabricated from any rigid material (e.g., hard plastic), it is preferably made from metal. The flexion-extension regulating device 24 is formed by attaching an upper member 26 and a lower member 28 together. Additionally, the flexion-extension regulating device 24 may also be formed with the upper and lower members 26, 28 being unitarily formed to each other. However, a gap 30 is created between the upper and lower members 26, 28. The gap 30 created between the upper and lower members 26, 28 is sized so that it may accommodate the end portion 18 of the upper strut 16 therewithin. Device fasteners 32 (e.g., rivets, screws, pins and the like) may then be used to securely maintain the end portion 18 of the upper strut 16 within the gap 30.